

## April

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## **Saturday, April 20**

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## **Sunday, April 21**

### ***The Photographer's Eye: The Basics of Outdoor Photography***

**10am – 12 noon**

Nature photography offers individuals the opportunity to develop their finer naturalist instincts and vision, and the beginner's eye is often the eye that sees most clearly. With this in mind, experienced Refuge photographer John Whitehead offers guidance in technique and composition, with emphasis on learning to utilizing manual settings in order to more completely capture the image you want to capture. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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## **Tuesday, April 23**

### ***Birds of a Feather: Take Flight on a Bird Walk***

**3pm – 7pm**

Many species of bird, from the tiny Rufous Hummingbird to the majestic Bald Eagle, nest on the Refuge. Check out the avian beauty with longtime birder Shep Thorp, who knows the Refuge backwards and forwards. On this guided walk, you are sure to learn something new! Meet at the landing overlooking the pond at the Visitor Center.

## **Friday, April 26 – Sunday, April 28**

### ***Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival***

***9am – 3pm, Hoquiam High School***

Don't miss your chance to celebrate the spring shorebird migration that happens every year along our coast. Join in the many activities offered at the Festival including field trips, lectures and a birding marketplace. Best shorebird viewing at Grays Harbor NWR is Friday from 12:50pm to 4:50pm, Saturday from 1:45pm to 5:45pm, and Sunday from 2:30pm to 6:30pm. For more detailed information about the schedule of events, visit

[www.shorebirdfestival.com](http://www.shorebirdfestival.com)

## **Sunday, April 28**

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## **May**

## **Saturday, May 4**

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## **Sunday, May 5**

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## **Saturday, May 11**

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## **Sunday, May 12**

### ***Nature Up Close: Introduction to Macro Nature Photography***

*10am – 12 noon*

Dew drops on flower petals; the eyes of insects. These details represent the oft overlooked true visual poetry of nature. Join Refuge photographer John Whitehead for discussion, demonstration, and practice of up close nature photography. Meet in the Visitor Center.

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## **Saturday, May 25**

### ***Birding Basics: Learning to See***

*9am – 11am*

What subtle cues do experienced birders use to quickly and accurately identify species? Birding is nothing less than the art of seeing, so the techniques used by birders increase awareness of all things natural. Refuge Ranger Michael Schramm will guide you through the estuary's diverse habitats on an odyssey of avian discovery, all the while teaching the ins and outs of birding. Meet at the landing overlooking the pond at the Visitor Center – and remember to bring binoculars!

## **June**

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